



FACT SHEET

Intellectual Property and the Florida Economy

Florida's Innovators: Patent and Intellectual Property Statistics

- In 2003 and 2004, Florida inventors were awarded 6,110 patents.
- Nearly 60 percent of the utility patents—patents granted for improvements to or invention of new and useful processes, machines, products or compositions of matter—awarded to Florida residents in 2004 were awarded to small businesses. Nationwide, about 31 percent of 2004's utility patents went to small businesses.
- More than 2,000 patents have been issued to Florida inventors in 2005.
- Since 1976, Florida inventors have secured thousands of patents:

Inventor's City	Patents Since 1976
Miami	6,607
Tampa/St. Petersburg	3,824
Orlando	3,105
Jacksonville	2,333

The Florida Economy: Facts and Figures

- Hispanic-owned small businesses are the fastest-growing part of Florida's small business community. In 2002, Hispanics owned more than 266,000 businesses in Florida, more than 85 percent of which were small businesses.
- One-seventh (14.7 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Florida depend on exports for their jobs. Nationwide, 20 percent of manufacturing jobs are export-dependent. Export-supported jobs account for an estimated 2.4 percent of Florida's total private-sector employment, or one of every 42 jobs.
- 92 percent of the companies exporting goods from Florida in 2002 were small- and medium-sized firms. Small and medium-sized firms generated 49 percent of Florida's total exports of merchandise in 2002. This was the second highest figure among the 50 states, and well above the U.S. average of 26 percent.
- The state's leading export category is computers and electronic products, which alone accounted for 29 percent, or \$8.5 billion, of Florida's total merchandise exports in 2004. Other top manufactured exports that year were transportation equipment (2004 exports of \$4.8 billion), chemical manufactures (\$3.2 billion), and machinery manufactures (\$2.7 billion).

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